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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BHUTTO ON POPULATION MATTERS.

1. AT A CEREMONY IN PINDI LAST NIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH MARRIAGE OF PRESIDENT'S SON, BHUTTO AND I HAD ABOUT ONE MINUTE ALONE. MRS. BHUTTO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BUCHAREST AND I ASKED IF HE AND BEGUM BHUTTO WERE UPSET OVER SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AND POSITIONS TAKEN IN THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, AND (JOKINGLY) PERHAPS UPSET AT ME FOR SUGGESTING THAT SHE ATTEND. HE SAID HE HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO HER AS YET (WHICH WAS LITERALLY TRUE) BUT HE DID NOT THINK SHE WAS UPSET AND NEITHER WAS HE.

2. I SAID I HAD BEEN AMAZED AT THE POSITION OF CHINA. PERHAPS MY RECOLLECTION WAS WRONG BUT I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT CHINA'S PUBLIC STANCE ON POPULATION CONTROL HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT MATTER AND THAT THEY, THE CHINESE, KNEW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE HOW TO GO ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS TRUE AND DEFINITELY RECALLED CHOU EN LAI'S REMARKS TO HIM ON A VISIT TO PEKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE

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OF THE POPULATION PROBLEM. I ASKED WHY THEN

WOULD CHINA TAKE THE POSITION IN BUCHAREST THAT THERE REALLY WASN'T ANY PROBLEM. HE SAID THE ANSWER WAS SIMPLE. THE CHINESE PROBABLY THOUGHT IT IN THEIR INTERESTS TO SEE WORLD TURMOIL AND CHAOS, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. IT STRUCK ME SO STRANGE THAT BHUTTO WOULD MAKE THAT REMARK TO ME THAT I MANAGED TO MANEUVER THE CONVERSATION SO HE REPEATED IT, AND IT CAME OUT EXACTLY AS BEFORE. I WAS LEFT WONDERING WHETHER BHUTTO MAY HAVE HAD SOME RECENT RATHER SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA.

3. LATER ON MRS. BHUTTO TOLD ME SHE WAS VERY GLAD SHE HAD GONE TO THE CONFERENCE AS SHE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL. SHE PROMISED TO TELL ME ABOUT IT WHEN SHE COULD. BYROADE

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